

World of Coffee Panama 2026 opens, spotlight on Chiriquí coffee

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Summary

World of Coffee Panamá 2026 runs 23–25 October at the Panama Convention Center in Amador, the first edition in Latin America, with Chiriquí's Geisha coffee as a highlight. President Mulino also said Boquete's alternate access road is close to completion.

Details (summary of the article)

Mi Diario reports that Panama is hosting World of Coffee 2026 from 23 to 25 October at the Panama Convention Center in Amador, the first time the fair has been held in Latin America and in a producing country. More than 10,000 visitors and some 370 exhibitors are expected, with the World Barista Championship final set for Sunday 25 October and a symposium dedicated to Geisha coffee. Chiriquí, which produces around 70% of Panama's coffee, is central to the event; the country produced 7,759 tonnes in the 2025-2026 cycle, up 1.1%. Record Geisha prices were recalled, including \$30,204 per kilo in 2025 and an Elida Estate lot at \$18,004 per kilo at the September Best of Panama auction, which grossed over \$3 million. President José Raúl Mulino praised Chiriquí's coffee families and said the alternate road in and out of Boquete is close to being finished, and that the district also exports peppers. Organisers said donation points will be set up and a share of proceeds will go to the Red Cross for communities hit by the 9 October earthquake. Industry leaders framed the fair as the result of three decades of work building Panama's specialty coffee reputation.

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